

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"I can't understand why you didn't like the movie 'Harlow' on TV. I thought it was just great. Did you have indigestion when you watched it?"

No. I got indigestion AFTER I watched it.

Why can't the people who make television shows come up with something new and unusual?"

This season they invented a nun who can fly, a chief of detectives who cases killers in a wheelchair, a cowboy in Africa and a prospector who comes to life after being frozen in ice for 75 years. You can't say they didn't try!

"After seeing Pierre Salinger in the recent 'Batman' program is he really serious about an acting career?"

No, but there are so many actors going into politics I think he wanted to get even.

What is Tony Curtis doing these days?"

A trapeze act in Las Vegas at \$40,000 per week. That averages out to about 2500 bucks a swing.

"Now that The Girl from UNCLE is off the air I find that I DO miss Noel Harrison. Will he be back?"

Last week Harrison completed taping a half-hour comedy-variety show titled "Where the Girls Are" which will be shown on the air as a special but the producers hope it will be a test flight for a new series. It's slanted toward the younger generation. Isn't everything?"

That big dance and song number on the Andy Williams special looked like a Bacchanalian orgy. Where did they get THAT idea?"

In Hollywood they have a

special choreographer for bacchanalian orgies, I have heard. And I suspect that he is a very rich man.

"My wife and I don't seem to be able to get interested in television dramas like we used to. Are they less suspenseful or are we becoming harder to please?"

The only way to keep the audience interested is to create characters who are sound enough to make the viewer care what happens to them. Today's TV writers and directors are more interested in developing "situations" than characters. Who cares what happens to runaway stagecoaches full of wax dummies?

"Audrey Hepburn and Mel Ferrer's home is in Switzerland according to the papers. Does this mean they have become Swiss citizens?"

No, but tax advantages are said to be gained by establishing residence in the land of cheese and chocolate thereby avoiding a share of the U.S. tax load. Miss Hepburn was born in Belgium. Ferrer is an American. Their impending divorce may complicate things even more. Who gets custody of all that cheese and chocolate?

Why do so many actors change their names when they start their careers? Often their real names have more individuality than the ones they assume."

In the make-believe world of show business there has always been a belief that the audience respects names that are either solid or glamorous but never familiar, funny, or odd. Could John Wayne have made it with his real name of Marion Morrison? Could Garbo have established her aura of mystery as Greta Gustafson? Would you rather see Doris Kappelhoff or Doris Day?



REHABILITATION . . . Quadriplegic Dan Castro sits at a desk which contains the equipment which makes it possible for him to hold down a normal job. Looking on is his employer, Mrs. Margaret Kracke of Palos Verdes Peninsula, originator of the new Rickie Tickle Stickers, shown on bulletin board. Castro was trained by Goodwill Industries.

Handicapped Typist Gets Full-Time Job

Who would hire a quadriplegic who is limited to one-thumb typing? The answer to that question is closely tied to the reason why the Goodwill Industries is taking the whole month of November to say "Thanks-for-giving" to its friends.

At the age of 16, Dan Castro of Lynwood, was hit by a wave and broke his neck. It looked as if his hopes to be gainfully employed were gone. But, the Goodwill Industries and a case worker for the state Division of Vocational Rehabilitation were willing to team up with Dan and see what could be done.

If a man can't do a job he may be trained to supervise those who can. After evaluation a conference type phone and an electric typewriter were put in Goodwill's Con-

tract Department so that Dan could be trained to be an office manager. His duties covered everything from billing to timekeeping, including supervisory experience with other trainees.

Mrs. Margaret Kracke of the Palos Verdes Peninsula is one of the patrons of the Contract Department. She is the originator of those popular new decorator items, Rickie Tickle Stickers, which she has Goodwill package for her. Business is so good that she's had to set up an office, so she hired Dan to run it for her.

"Such success stories," declared Goodwill's executive vice president Walter L. Case, "are one of the big reasons why we want to thank our many friends for the part they have played."

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The combined civil defense warning sirens of the city and county of Los Angeles will be sounded Friday at 10 a.m., Nov. 24, in the customary month-end test of the systems, Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess announced.

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Some people talk about brotherhood. Others, live it. Peter Gravett is one of these, with a commitment to the welfare of his fellowman strong enough to inspire him to risk his life.

Though a policeman by profession, Officer Gravett was off duty on the afternoon he saw a mob of angry people attacking a young boy. Instinctively, he fought his way through the crowd and shielded the victim with his own body, sustaining severe blows which injured him, but protected the boy from further harm. Subsequently, with the help of another brave stranger, he was able to carry the critically injured boy to safety. The L.A. Police Department awarded Peter Gravett the Medal of Valor for his act of courage. It is important to remember that it was also an act of love.



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